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Dear Mr. Watson:

I am just in receipt of a note from Dr. Beal giving your determinations of some of our plants from the pine barrens of Michigan. I am particularly interested in the little violet, because it appears to be a very distinct variety, at least. It is confined to the sands, and occurs over many miles of territory, — across the state, in fact — and appears always to hold its characters. If you think it worthy a variety name, please call it Wheeleri, for Mr. Wheeler first collected it, and he deserves to be remembered in our

state flora.

I am aware of the interest attaching to our roses, and I have thought to make a systematic study of them at Cornell by growing them. Being ornamental, they come strictly within the limits of horticultural work.

I have been to Uppsala to see Wallerberg's carices, and am disappointed not to find his American species. Some of these species have made much trouble and no one, I think, has studied the specimens. They are said to be somewhere in Stockholm, and I shall look them up. I hope to see the originals of all American carices before I prepare the genus for the Manual. On my way south I shall spend a few days at Copenhagen, and shall see the plants of

Drejer, Liebmam, and Lange. At Berlin I shall see Willdenow's, Baeckebeli's, Gheele's, and others; at Halle, Schkuhl's; at Prague, Presl's; at Paris, Michaux's, Lamarche's, and Steudel's. I have already seen the carices of Robt. Brown — one of which is a Kobresia! — Rudge, Gay, Drummond, Goodenough, and others, and of course I saw Booth's and Carey's.

As soon as I return to America, I expect to examine those of Muhlenberg, Schmeinitz, and Denney. Some of Denney's later species are not yet disposed of. I hope, also, to see Elliott's, but do not know where they are.

Yours truly,  
L. H. Bailey